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FOR ARA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS

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SUBJ: STATE VISIT: PRESIDENT LOPEZ' RETURN RECEPTION

1. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, CARLOS BORDA, CALLED ON BEHALF OF THE FONMIN TO SAY THAT THE COLOMBIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD BEEN ADVISED THAT IF, DURING THE STATE VISIT, PRESIDENT LOPEZ GAVE A RETURN DINNER THE VICE PRESIDENT WOULD ATTEND. IF ON THE OTHER HAND PRESIDENT LOPEZ CHOSE TO GIVE A RECEPTION INSTEAD OF A DINNER THE VICE PRESIDENT MIGHT NOT ATTEND.

2. BORDA SAID THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE GONE BACK TO THE EMBASSY TO EXPLAIN TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT DURING CARLOS LLERAS' VISIT LLERAS GAVE A RECEPTION AND IT WAS ATTENDED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT. SECONDLY, SINCE VICE PRES ROCKEFELLER KNEW LOPEZ' FATHER AND KNOWS PRES LOPEZ, IT WAS HOPED THAT AS A GRACIOUS PERSONAL GESTURE THE VICE PRESIDENT WOULD ATTEND.

3. BORDA ASKED ME IF I WOULD PLEASE SUPPORT THEM IN TRYING TO BE SURE THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT WOULD ATTEND A RECEPTION.

4. COMMENT: THIS POINT IS CLEARLY A MATTER OF PRIDE AND SENSITIVITY. I STRONGLY URGE THAT WE DO ALL POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN THE VICE PRESIDENT'S CONSENT TO ATTEND. LOPEZ IS A VERY SENSITIVE PERSON AND THIS IS THE KIND OF LITTLE
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